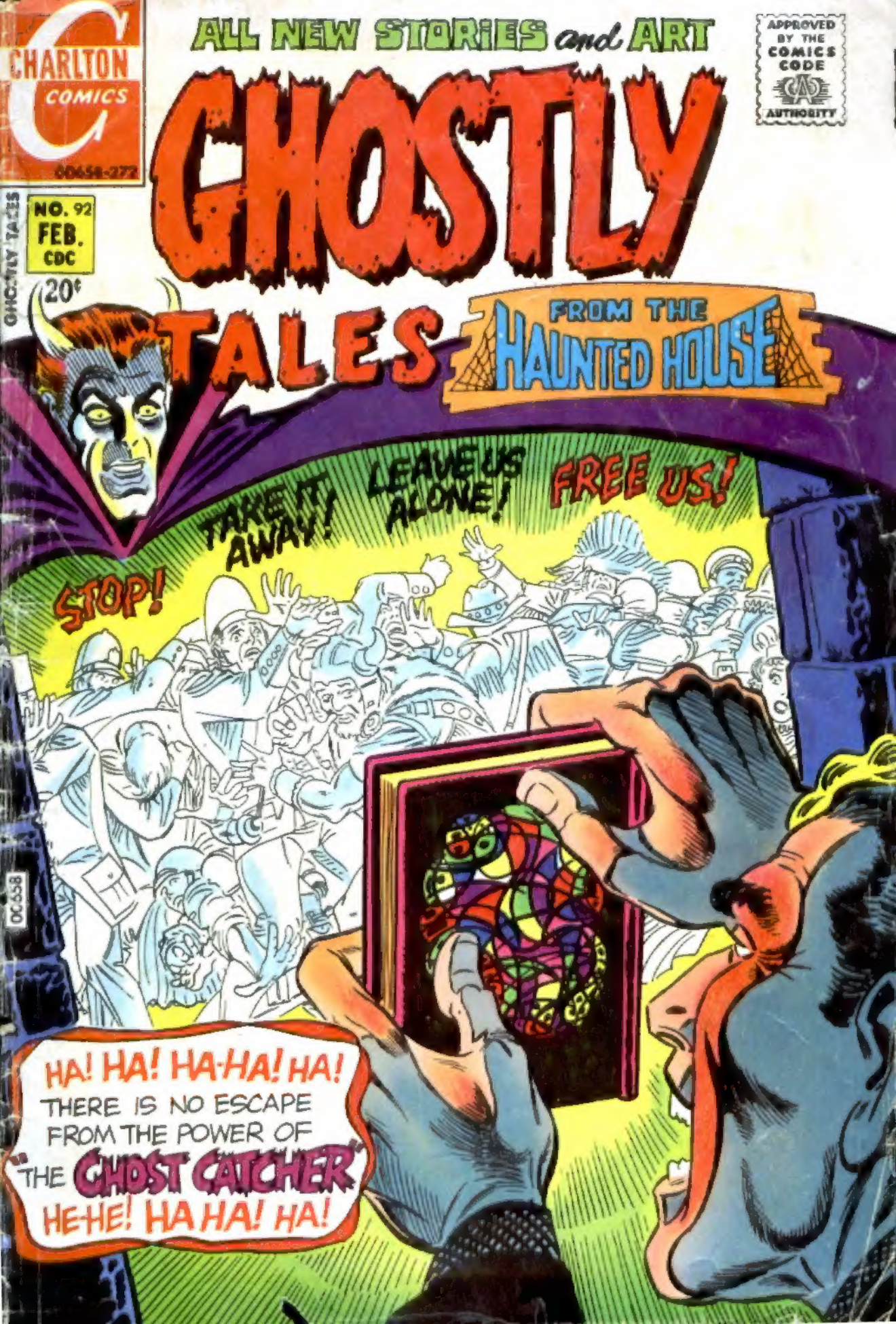
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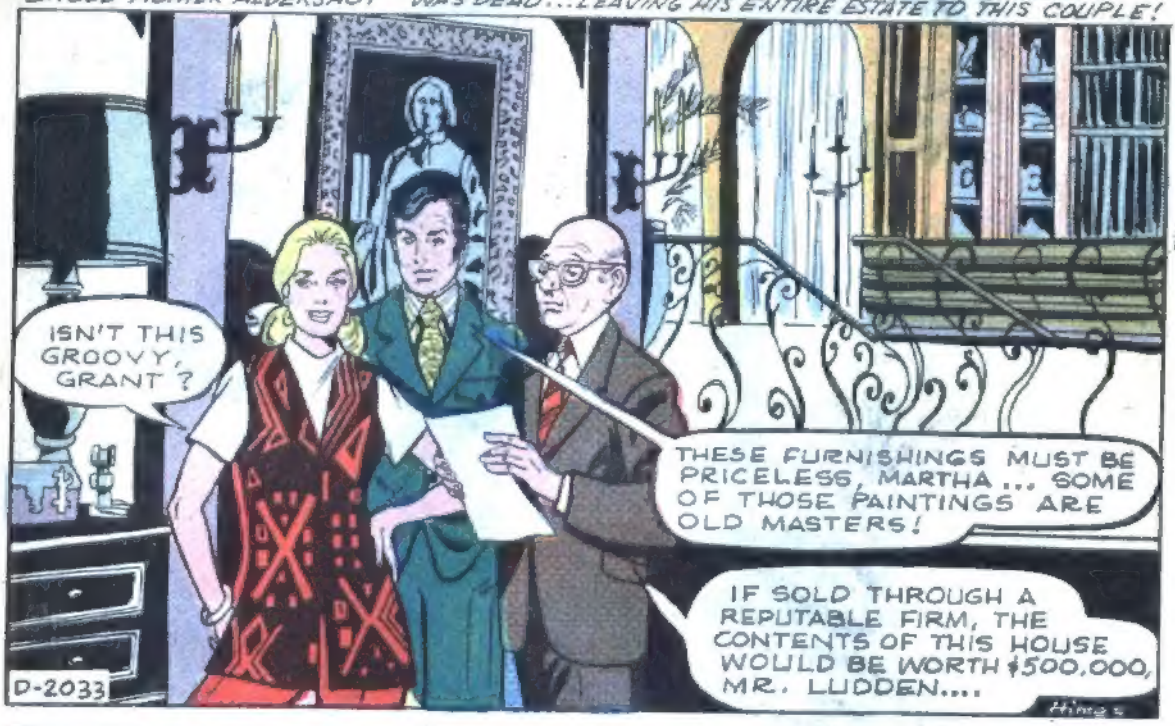
ISN'T THIS GROOVY, GRANT?
THESE FURNISHINGS MUST BE PRICELESS, MARTHA... SOME OF THOSE PAINTINGS ARE OLD MASTERS!
IF SOLD THROUGH A REPUTABLE FIRM, THE CONTENTS OF THIS HOUSE WOULD BE WORTH $500,000, MR. LUDDEN....
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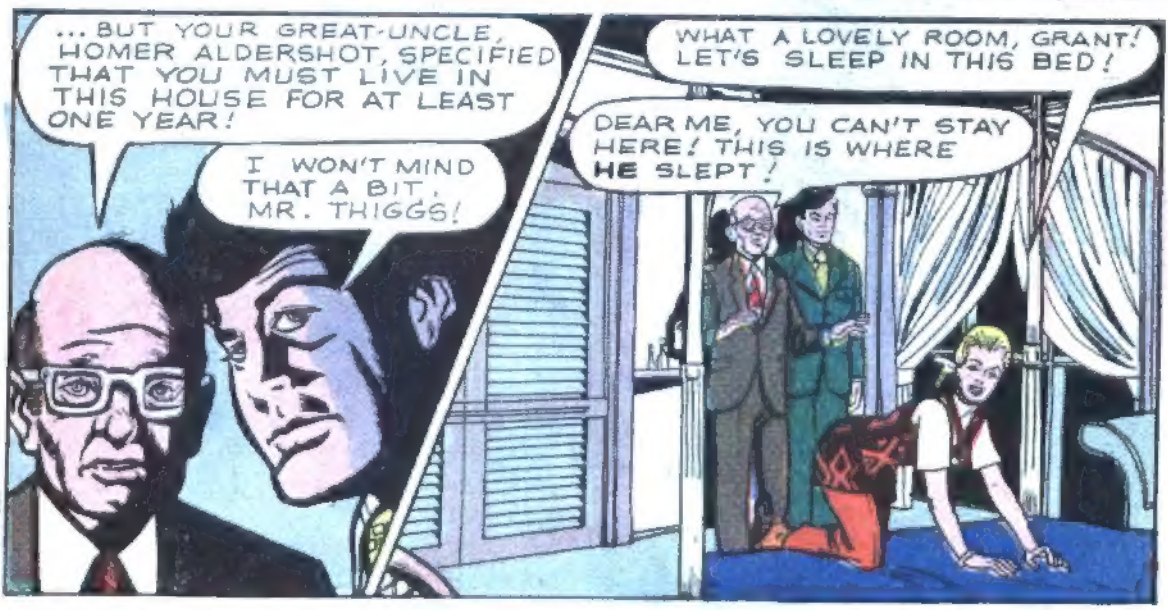
...BUT YOUR GREAT-UNCLE, HOMER ALDERSHOT, SPECIFIED THAT YOU MUST LIVE IN THIS HOUSE FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR!
I WON'T MIND THAT A BIT, MR. THIGGS!
WHAT A LOVELY ROOM, GRANT! LET'S SLEEP IN THIS BED!
DEAR ME, YOU CAN'T STAY HERE! THIS IS WHERE HE SLEPT!

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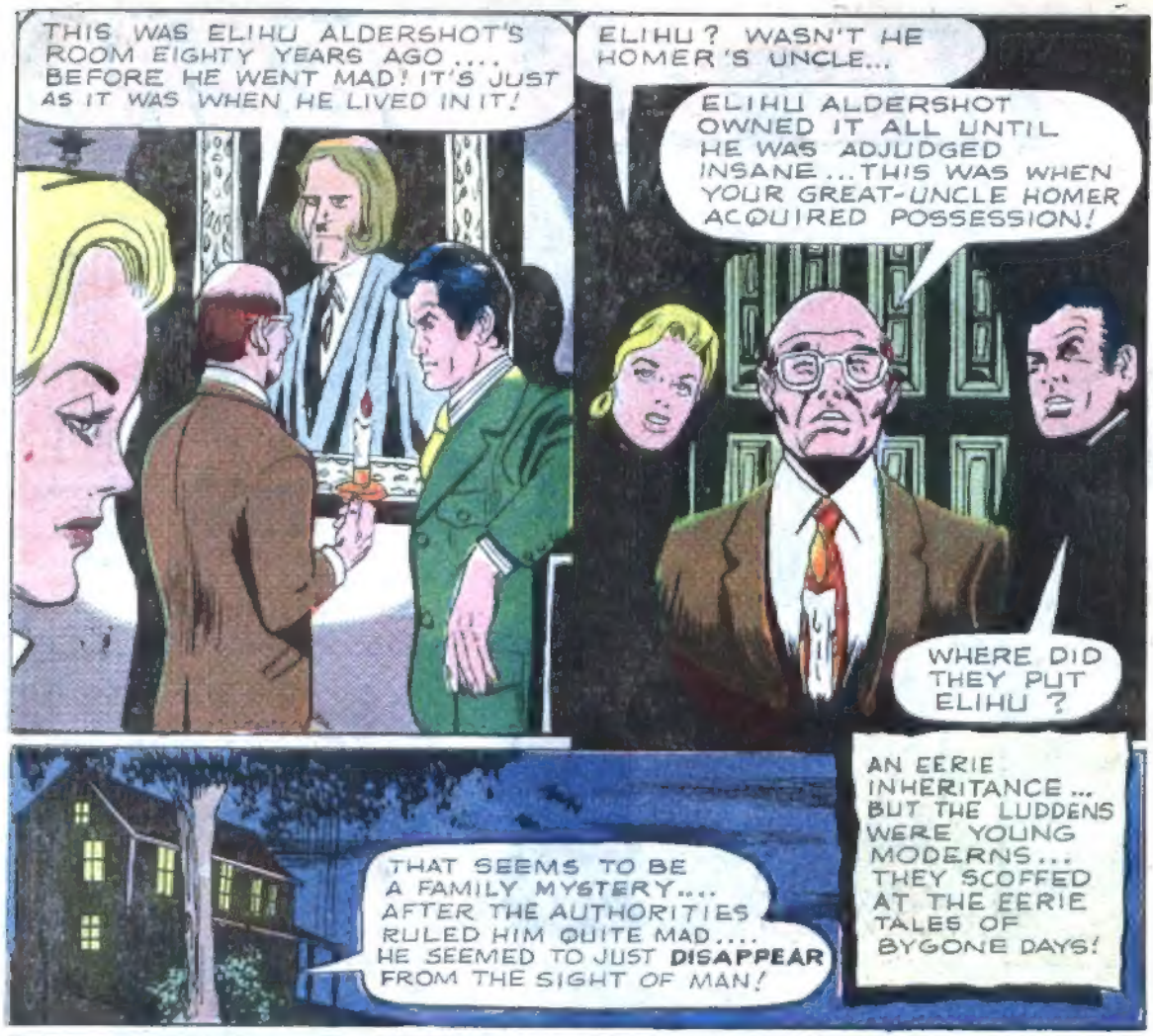
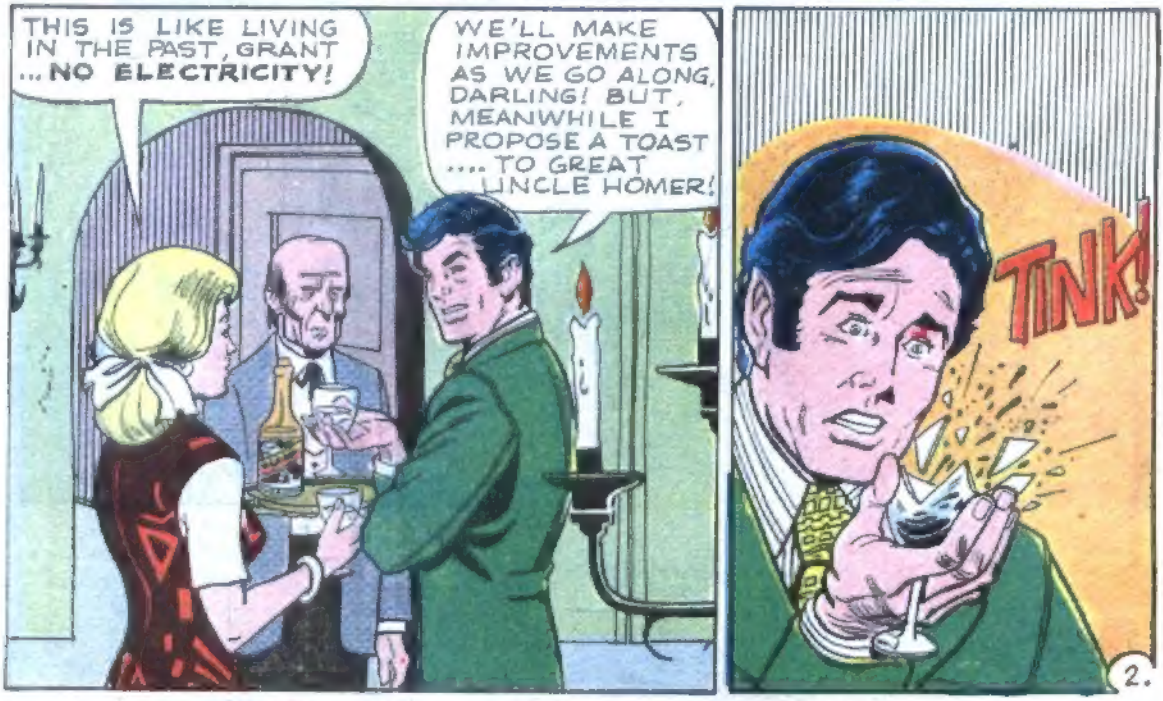

THIS WAS ELIHU ALDERSHOT'S ROOM EIGHTY YEARS AGO.... BEFORE HE WENT MAD! IT'S JUST AS IT WAS WHEN HE LIVED IN IT!
ELIHU? WASN'T HE HOMER'S UNCLE...
ELIHU ALDERSHOT OWNED IT ALL UNTIL HE WAS ADJUDGED INSANE...THIS WAS WHEN YOUR GREAT-UNCLE HOMER ACQUIRED POSSESSION!
WHERE DID THEY PUT ELIHU?
AN EERIE INHERITANCE... BUT THE LUDDENS WERE YOUNG MODERNS... THEY SCOFFED AT THE EERIE TALES OF BYGONE DAYS!
THAT SEEMS TO BE A FAMILY MYSTERY.... AFTER THE AUTHORITIES RULED HIM QUITE MAD.... HE SEEMED TO JUST DISAPPEAR FROM THE SIGHT OF MAN!


THIS IS LIKE LIVING IN THE PAST, GRANT ...NO ELECTRICITY!
WE'LL MAKE IMPROVEMENTS AS WE GO ALONG, DARLING! BUT, MEANWHILE I PROPOSE A TOAST .... TO GREAT UNCLE HOMER!
TINK!
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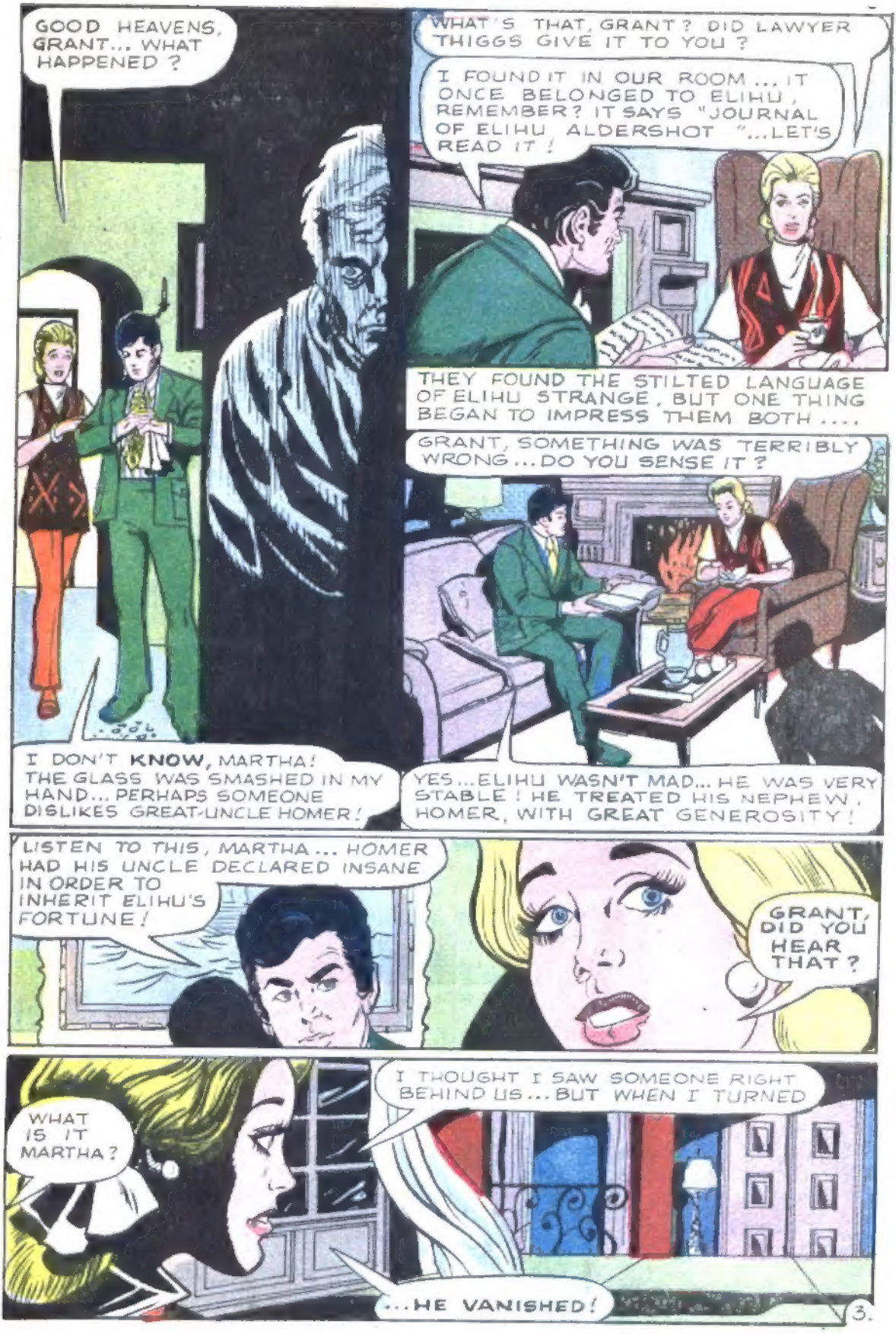
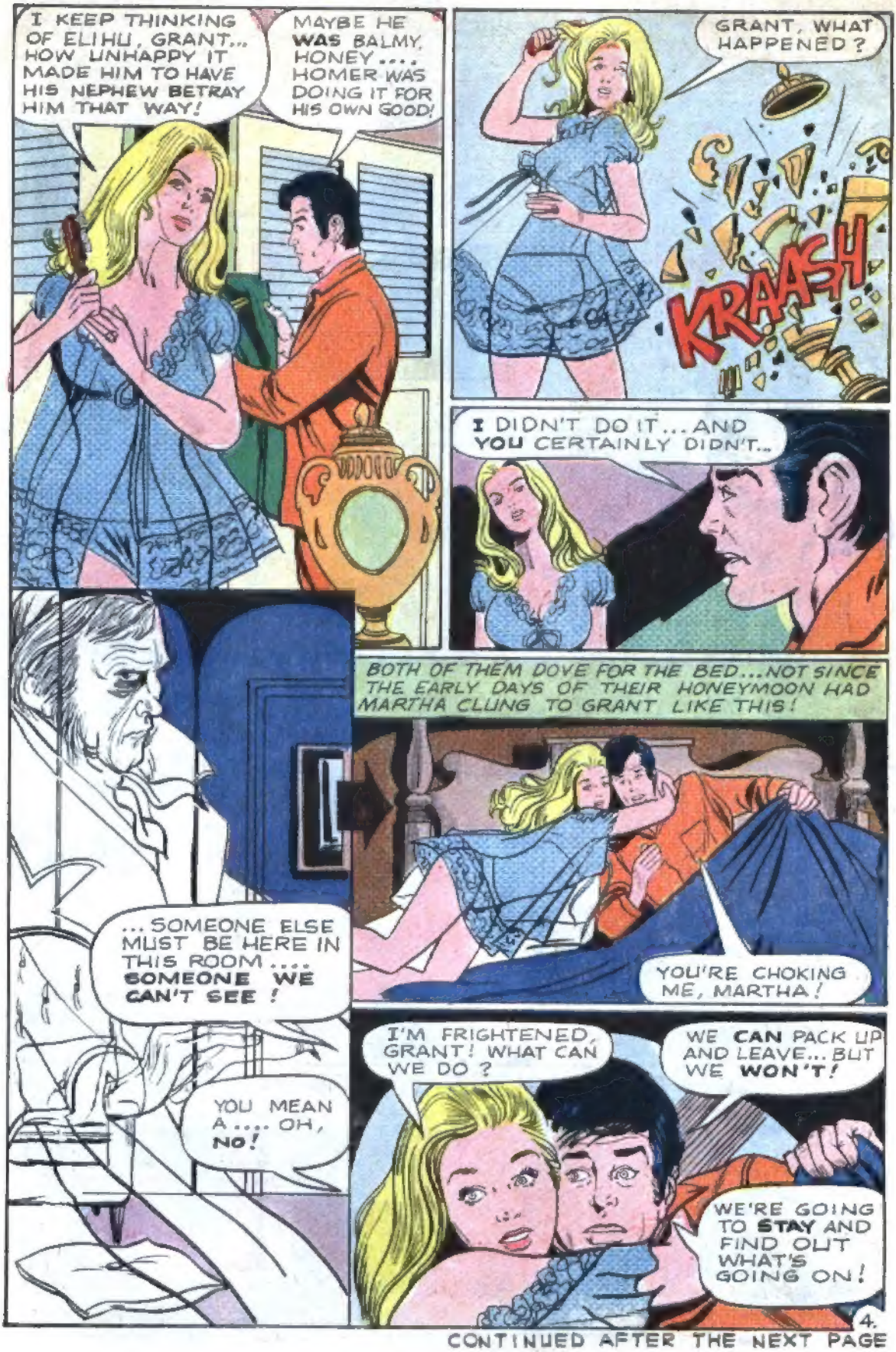

GOOD HEAVENS, GRANT... WHAT HAPPENED ?
I DON'T KNOW, MARTHA! THE GLASS WAS SMASHED IN MY HAND... PERHAPS SOMEONE DISLIKES GREAT-UNCLE HOMER!
WHAT'S THAT, GRANT? DID LAWYER THIGGS GIVE IT TO YOU ?
I FOUND IT IN OUR ROOM... IT ONCE BELONGED TO ELIHU, REMEMBER? IT SAYS "JOURNAL OF ELIHU ALDERSHOT "...LET'S READ IT !
THEY FOUND THE STILTED LANGUAGE OF ELIHU STRANGE, BUT ONE THING BEGAN TO IMPRESS THEM BOTH....
GRANT, SOMETHING WAS TERRIBLY WRONG... DO YOU SENSE IT ?
YES...ELIHU WASN'T MAD... HE WAS VERY STABLE ! HE TREATED HIS NEPHEW, HOMER, WITH GREAT GENEROSITY !
LISTEN TO THIS, MARTHA... HOMER HAD HIS UNCLE DECLARED INSANE IN ORDER TO INHERIT ELIHU'S FORTUNE!
GRANT, DID YOU HEAR THAT ?
WHAT IS IT MARTHA ?
I THOUGHT I SAW SOMEONE RIGHT BEHIND US... BUT WHEN I TURNED
...HE VANISHED!


I KEEP THINKING OF ELIHU, GRANT... HOW UNHAPPY IT MADE HIM TO HAVE HIS NEPHEW BETRAY HIM THAT WAY!
MAYBE HE WAS BALMY, HONEY.... HOMER WAS DOING IT FOR HIS OWN GOOD!
GRANT, WHAT HAPPENED?
KRAASH
I DIDN'T DO IT... AND YOU CERTAINLY DIDN'T...
BOTH OF THEM DOVE FOR THE BED... NOT SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF THEIR HONEYMOON HAD MARTHA CLUNG TO GRANT LIKE THIS!
YOU'RE CHOKING ME, MARTHA!
... SOMEONE ELSE MUST BE HERE IN THIS ROOM.... SOMEONE WE CAN'T SEE!
YOU MEAN A.... OH, NO!
I'M FRIGHTENED, GRANT! WHAT CAN WE DO?
WE CAN PACK UP AND LEAVE... BUT WE WON'T!
WE'RE GOING TO STAY AND FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON!

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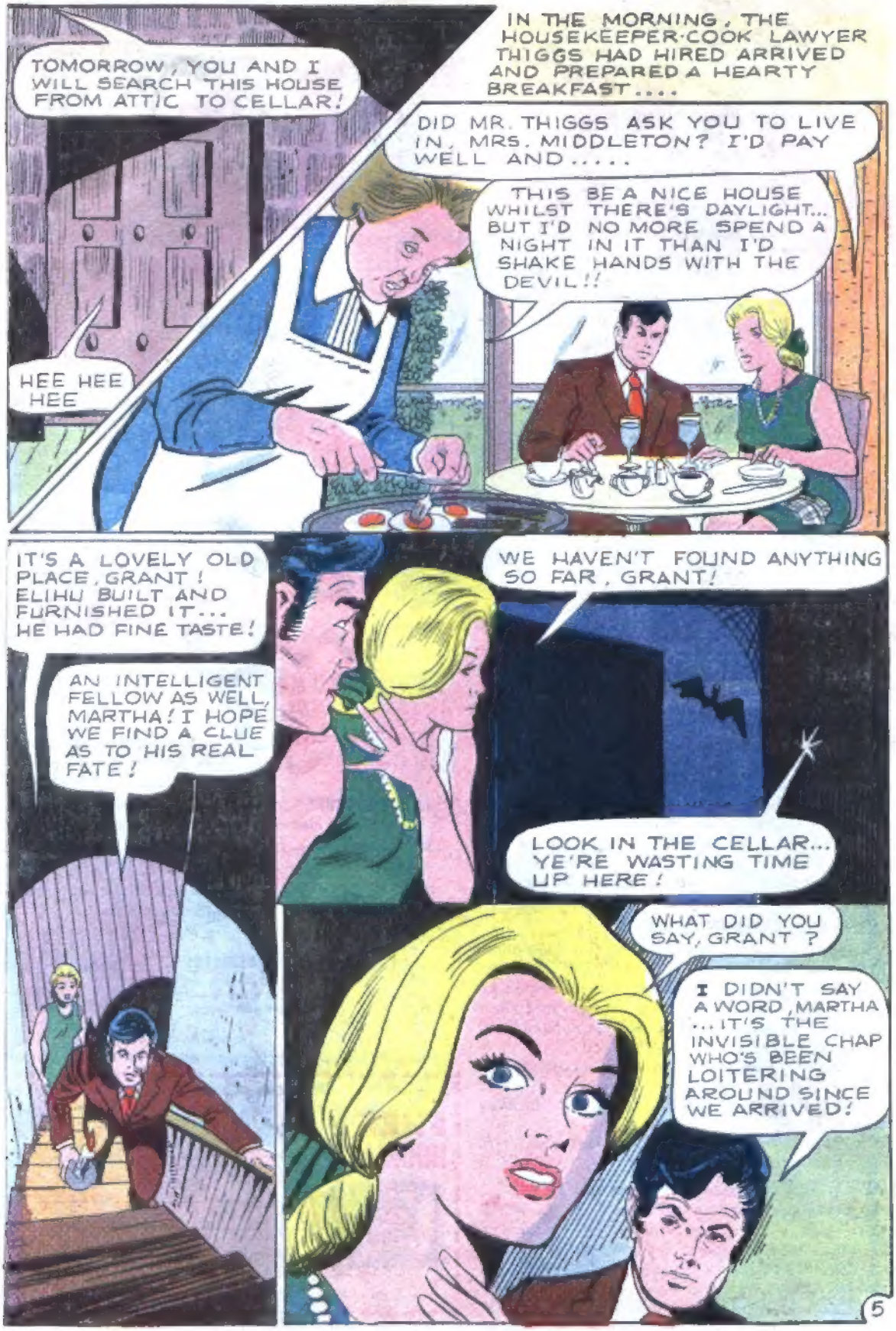
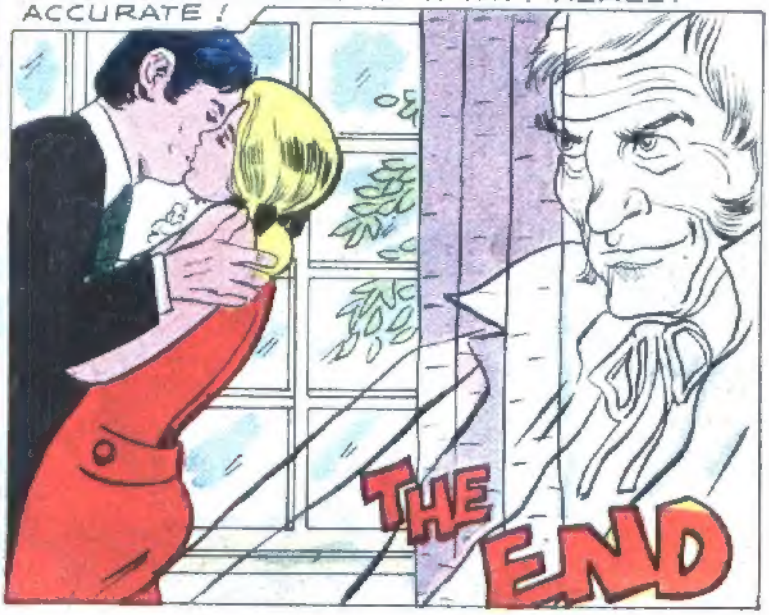

IN THE MORNING, THE HOUSEKEEPER-COOK LAWYER THIGGS HAD HIRED ARRIVED AND PREPARED A HEARTY BREAKFAST....
TOMORROW, YOU AND I WILL SEARCH THIS HOUSE FROM ATTIC TO CELLAR!
DID MR. THIGGS ASK YOU TO LIVE IN, MRS. MIDDLETON? I'D PAY WELL AND.....
THIS BE A NICE HOUSE WHILST THERE'S DAYLIGHT... BUT I'D NO MORE SPEND A NIGHT IN IT THAN I'D SHAKE HANDS WITH THE DEVIL!!
HEE HEE HEE
IT'S A LOVELY OLD PLACE, GRANT! ELIHU BUILT AND FURNISHED IT... HE HAD FINE TASTE!
AN INTELLIGENT FELLOW AS WELL, MARTHA! I HOPE WE FIND A CLUE AS TO HIS REAL FATE!
WE HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING SO FAR, GRANT!
LOOK IN THE CELLAR... YE'RE WASTING TIME UP HERE!
WHAT DID YOU SAY, GRANT?
I DIDN'T SAY A WORD, MARTHA ...IT'S THE INVISIBLE CHAP WHO'S BEEN LOITERING AROUND SINCE WE ARRIVED!

NOTHING TOO TERRIFYING DOWN HERE, GRANT...
WINE... CANNED GOODS... HOUSE HOLD TOOLS AND FURNITURE
THERE WAS ONE CELLAR.. COOL, DRY AND WELL ORDERED! PART OF IT SHELVED WITH ROWS OF WINE BOTTLES AND JARS OF PRESERVES...
LOOK! THERE'S ANOTHER CELLAR BELOW!
IT'S LIKE A CAGE FOR AN ANIMAL!
DO YOU SEE IT, MARTHA? THERE... THERE IS WHERE ELIHU ALDERSHOT DISAPPEARED TO....
...UNSEEN BY HIS FELLOW MAN AGAIN!
SUDDENLY, LIKE THE SCREAM OF TORTURED SOULS IN HADES, A SCREAM NEARLY DEAFENED THEM... THEN, A FANTASMA OF CREATURES NOT OF THEIR WORLD BESIEGED THE LUDDENS...
STAND FAST, DARLING!

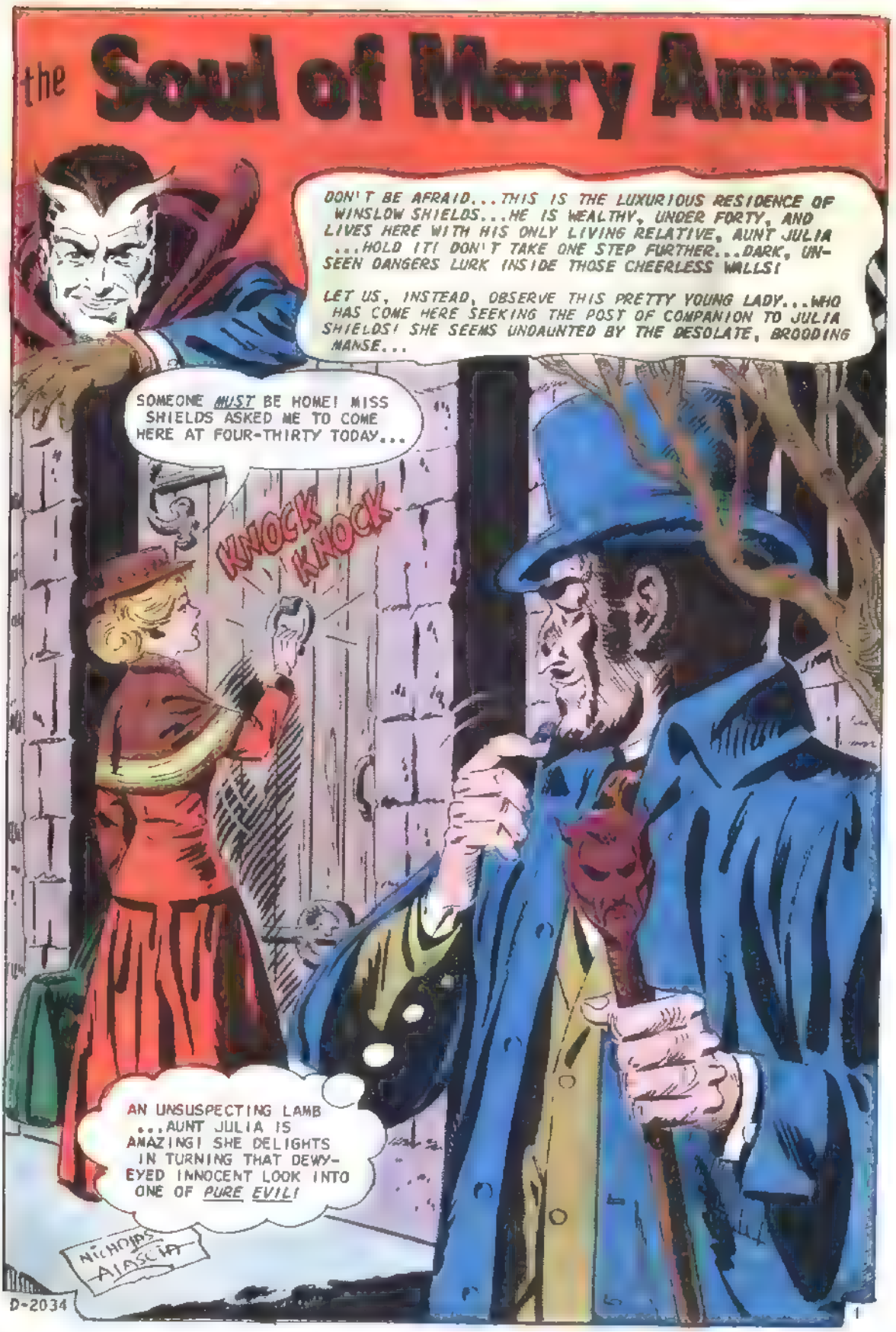
ELIHU ALDERSHOT WAS IMPRISONED HERE...HE DIED HERE...AND I'M GOING TO DO WHAT I CAN TO REDRESS THE WRONG DONE HIM! I'LL BURY HIM IN THE ALDERSHOT FAMILY PLOT!!

GRANT LUDDEN TELEPHONED THE NEWSPAPER... AND HE SAW THAT THE TRUE STORY OF ELIHU ALDERSHOT WAS TOLD... AND THEN ELIHU ALDERSHOT WAS BURIED WITH DIGNITY IN THE BURIAL GROUND!

A PLEASANT THOUGHT FOR GRANT LUDDEN TO LIVE WITH.... EVEN IF IT ISN'T REALLY ACCURATE!



the Soul of Mary Anne


DON'T BE AFRAID...THIS IS THE LUXURIOUS RESIDENCE OF WINSLOW SHIELDS...HE IS WEALTHY, UNDER FORTY, AND LIVES HERE WITH HIS ONLY LIVING RELATIVE, AUNT JULIA ...HOLD IT! DON'T TAKE ONE STEP FURTHER...DARK, UNSEEN DANGERS LURK INSIDE THOSE CHEERLESS WALLS!
LET US, INSTEAD, OBSERVE THIS PRETTY YOUNG LADY...WHO HAS COME HERE SEEKING THE POST OF COMPANION TO JULIA SHIELDS! SHE SEEMS UNDAUNTED BY THE DESOLATE, BROODING MANSE...
SOMEONE MUST BE HOME! MISS SHIELDS ASKED ME TO COME HERE AT FOUR-THIRTY TODAY...
KNOCK KNOCK
AN UNSUSPECTING LAMB ...AUNT JULIA IS AMAZING! SHE DELIGHTS IN TURNING THAT DEWY-EYED INNOCENT LOOK INTO ONE OF PURE EVIL!
NICHOLAS AIASCHA

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ENTER, MARY ANNE ...AUNT JULIA IS WAITING!
OHH!
I...I DIDN'T SEE YOU! I AM MARY ANNE WILLIS AND AM HERE TO SEE MISS JULIA SHIELDS!
SHE'S EXPECTING YOU, MARY ANNE! PRAY ENTER...THE DOOR IS OPEN!
AUNT JULIA... MARY ANNE IS HERE! QUITE A DELIGHTFUL CHILD!
I AM SURE WE WILL FIND HER MOST AMIABLE, WINSLOW! TAKE HER INTO THE LIBRARY...
BEWARE, MARY ANNE...WINSLOW SHIELDS AND AUNT JULIA MAY NOT BE WHAT THEY SEEM...THERE IS EVIL HIDING IN THE DARK SHADOWS, SECRETS HIDDEN IN THE WALL OF THIS BROODING OLD HOUSE!
WELCOME TO THIS HOUSE, MARY ANNE! DO COME CLOSER, CHILD...
THANK YOU, MISTRESS SHIELDS.
WE'RE GOING TO BE FRIENDS, AREN'T WE, MARY ANNE?

WE HAVE...UH... PECULAIR WAYS, MARY ANNE! YOU'LL GET USED TO THEM IN TIME, WE TRUST!
I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE, MR. SHIELDS...I'LL DO MY BEST, SIR!
LOOK AROUND, YOU SILLY GIRL... CAN'T YOU SEE THE SIGNS OF WITCHCRAFT EVERYWHERE? THE SATANIC SYMBOLS...SMELL THAT INCENSE IN THE FIREPLACE...HELL-FIRE MUST SMELL LIKE THAT!
I WILL SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOM, MARY ANNE... COME...
THIS IS YOUR ROOM, MARY ANNE! YOU MAY EAT WITH WINSLOW AND ME...WE DINE AT SEVEN SHARP!
THANK YOU, MISTRESS JULIA!
THERE IS EVIL ABROAD IN THIS HOUSE...BUT IT CANNOT TOUCH ME!

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ARISE, MARY ANNE ...WE ARE WAITING!
MR. SHIELDS ...HOW DID YOU GET IN MY ROOM? I LOCKED THE DOOR!
I AM SURE YOU WILL LEARN TO ENJOY OUR ACTIVITIES, MARY ANNE! JOIN US IN THE EAST WING WHEN YOU ARE READY!
MR. SHIELDS, I SHALL TRY TO...
...BE ACCOMMODATING IN ...MR. SHIELDS? MR. SHIELDS!!
FIVE MINUTES, MARY ANNE!
UNDAUNTED, MARY ANNE WILLIS WALKED STEADFASTLY THROUGH SHADOWED HALLS...THE HOUSE WAS STILL WITH THE QUIET OF A TOMB! THEN, THE SILENCE WAS SLASHED BY AN EARCURDLING SCREAM!
APPROACH JULIA, QUEEN OF THIS WITCH'S COVEN! SHE WILL GIVE YOU TRUE WELCOME TO OUR CIRCLE!
KOVA JAD, MARY ANNE, COME AND DRINK DEEPLY OF THE EVERLASTING BROTH!

THIS HAS BEEN BREWED FOR THEE, MARY ANNE WILLIS! DRINK DEEP AND SHED THE SHACKLES OF LIFE!
UGH! IT SMELLS HORRIBLE!
DRINK, MARY ANNE ...OR I SHALL CAST A SPELL UPON THEE!
I...I DON'T WANT TO!
GET BACK, EVERYONE... WHEN AUNT JULIA CASTS A SPELL, SHE DOESN'T ALWAYS GET THE VICTIM SHE'S AIMING AT!
NO MORTAL DEFIES THE QUEEN OF THIS COVEN! METHROVA ZUL!
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DRINK IT, MARY ANNE...OR DIE!
I...I CANNOT!
YOU CAN'T MAKE ME DRINK IT!
YEEEECCCHHH!
INVOKING FORBIDDEN SPELLS UPON THIS INNOCENT YOUNG GIRL, JULIA, THE BIGGEST WITCH OF THEM ALL, TRIED TO DESTROY MARY ANNE WILLIS AND...
STRIKE, SATAN!
DESTROY HER, DARK DEMONS...QUENCH THE LIFE FORCE OF THIS STUPID GIRL!
IF THEY CATCH ME...MY VERY SOUL WILL BE DESTROYED!
YOU LITTLE FOOL ...YOU CANNOT ESCAPE YOUR FATE!

I PRAY, SIR...SPARE ME THIS HORROR!
HEH HEH HEH! BE SURE THAT JULIA WILL PUNISH YOU FOR YOUR OBDURATE BEHAVIOR!
JULIA IS A SILLY, UGLY WOMAN...AND YOU, WINSLOW SHIELDS, ARE A CRUEL, DEVIL-POSSESSED MADMAN!
YOU LITTLE FOOL!
THE CANE WINSLOW SHIELDS IS WIELDING IS NO ORDINARY THING...WATCH WHEN HE SMASHES AT HER...AND MISSES!
KA-RAASH
COME OUT OF THAT STUPID CHAPEL, YOUNG LADY! I DO NOT PERMIT ANYONE TO USE IT!
I MADE IT!

DISREGARDING WINSLOW SHIELDS BELLOWED THREATS, MARY ANNE WILLIS KNEELS BEFORE THE LITTLE SHRINE...AND BEGINS TO MURMUR PRAYERS...
DEMONS AND SHADES OF THIS HOUSE, WITNESS THIS FEMALE ...STRIKE HER DOWN!
CONFOUND IT, JULIA, WHY IS SHE NOT STRICKEN?
I CAN'T CAST A SPELL WHILE SHE'S IN THAT PLACE!
SHE'LL BE DESTROYED... THERE'S NO WAY SHE CAN ESCAPE US, JULIA!
I HAVE RESISTED THE POWERS OF DARKNESS... NOW, MY TASK HERE IS DONE! I ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!
THEN SUDDENLY, OUT OF SILENT SKIES, LIGHTNING STRIKES...FOLLOWED BY AN EARSPLITTING PEAL OF THUNDER!
KRAAK
WINSLOW, SHE ...SHE DESTROYED US!
AND SHE VANISHED! HER POWERS WERE GREATER THAN OURS
WE'RE OUTSIDE THE PLACE NOW AS CRACKLING FLAMES RACE THROUGH THE EVIL-INFESTED SHIELDS MANSION ...IF YOU LISTEN, YOU MAY HEAR THE DEMONIC SCREAMS OF BANISHED WITCHES AND DEMONS! MARY ANNE LISTENS...YES, SHE IS SAFE!
END

watoto's well

I am going to make a documentary film showing that ghosts and spirits do exist. And when that is finished, the time has come to give up my work and enjoy life. The name of Jess Kamer has been an important one in the world of TV. My productions have been successful because they have been real. Whenever I planned a series of films, I did my best to get the background authentic. I myself went into action. When I did the ones about "Ralph Rogers, M D.", I spent a month in a hospital making myself familiar with all aspects of hospital life.

When I did the ones about, "International Spies", I went to seven countries. Both in Europe and Asia. Contacted the leading men in the field. So I decided to do a series called. "Paul Pilsen, prospector." I was going to show the adventures of a man in the 1880's. Looking for gold and silver. But finding a life of action instead.

Jeannette Coppers was my Girl Friday. She made all the arrangements for me. Which explains how I landed at Ben Darrow's General Store in the small village of Meanderstown.

"Got everything ready for you, Mr. Kamer," he said to me. "Even a nice tame mule to carry your supplies. Let's take a look at the map I prepared for you."

He spread it on the table. We went over it together. Then he pointed to a small cross.

"You'll find Watoto's Well there. They say it is haunted by the ghost of the Indian that the Spaniards killed Because he refused to tell where the hidden gold treasure was kept. They threw him into that well and he drowned as the water rose higher and higher. Now there isn't any water in the well. But people here avoid it anyway. They hear moans at night."

We agreed upon a time schedule. I had supplies for eight days I would return on the seventh day. If I didn't, he was to go out with a search party for me. And so I left the village and soon was out in the desert area. With the mountain range to my left. Once this had been fertile land. The water supply had dried up and the few farmers had called it quits

For three days I traveled. Making notes from time to time. With ideas for the series. Then I came to Watoto's Well. Apparently at one time there had been a mission in the area I looked into the well. Something about it fascinated me. I felt myself being drawn almost into it. Then I lost my balance and fell down that well! I landed on my feet. Uninjured but trapped. How could I ever climb up? I wanted to shout for help. But realized it was useless.

I took my cigarette lighter out of my pocket. The ground was damp. At the side I saw three skeletons. Not very cheerful. And then I saw that figure. It was a sort of dampish white. And it actually glowed.

"You are going to die like the others," it said. "Unless you can figure out a way to escape. Surely, you don't want to die here like a trapped rat."

This was no figment of my imagination. I did my best to keep my spirits up. What to do? I found myself calling out aloud.

"Jeannette! Can you hear me? I want to get this message to you. I want to live. I am trapped in a well. Call Ben Darrow up and tell him to come out and save me. I know I love you. And you love me. I want to get out of here. We will be married."

And then again I saw that figure. I knew definitely it was a ghost.

"If your message reaches the person to whom you sent it, you will be saved. But hope alone isn't enough The others hoped and died What can you do? Surely, you are a man of great imagination."

"I figured you must be the ghost of the Indian that was killed. Only after your death, did you know there was a way out of here. So I have to find it."

The well wall was built of stones. I got a grip on one stone. I pulled it out. Then on another and on a third. I now could climb up. The trick was to pull out stones as I climbed higher and higher. I worked until the flesh on my fingers was raw. Then I went blank. When I opened my eyes, I was resting on the ground. Ben Darrow and several men were standing over me.

"We came just in time," he said to me. "I didn't believe her at first But how did she know?"

How? Well, someday my wife may tell him. And then, she may not.

the ghost catcher

NO! I'M NOT HIDING IN THE EXTRAS LOUNGE AT PARAMOUNT AND I'M NOT IN A FUNNY FARM EITHER (DON'T THINK I DON'T KNOW SOME OF YOU WOULD LIKE THAT HEH HEH!) NO THIS IS THE GHOST VAULT OF MEYER MEYER THE MOST FAMOUS GHOST CATCHER OF THEM ALL. TAKE IT AWAY MEYER!
PLEASE! PLEASE LET US GO! WHY DO YOU KEEP US HERE? LET ME GO. DON'T YOU KNOW WHO I AM? PLEASE. WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO US? PUT THAT BOOK DOWN!
OH, SHUT UP! ALL OF YOU! YOU KNOW VERY WELL WHY YOU'RE HERE. BECAUSE I CAUGHT YOU! THAT'S WHY! AND I WON'T LET YOU GO... EVER!
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Any 14 of these

If you join now and agree to buy ten more records during the coming two years

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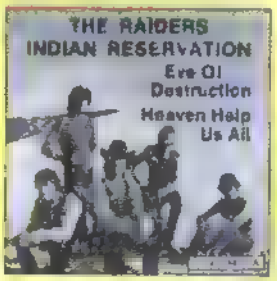

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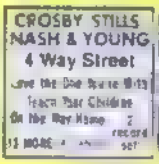

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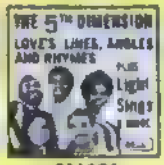

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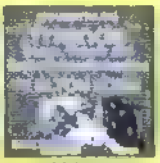
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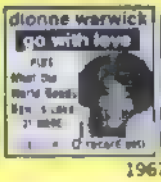

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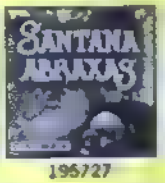

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HERE'S OUR BEST OFFER EVER! Join right now and get ANY 14 of these records for only $2.86! And all you have to do is agree to buy as few as ten records (at the regular Club price) during the coming two years. That's right!—two full years in which to buy your ten records. After doing so, you'll have acquired 24 records—at practically a 50% saving off regular Club prices!

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HOW TO ORDER. If you do *not* want any record in any month—just tell us so by returning the selection card by the date specified . . . or you may use the card to order any of the records offered. If you want *only* the regular selection for your musical interest, you need do nothing—it will be shipped to you automatically. And from time to time, the Club will offer some special albums, which you may reject by returning the special dated form always provided—or accept by doing nothing.

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JUST MAIL THE COUPON together with your check or money order for only $2.86, as payment for your first 14 records. Also be sure to indicate the type of music in which you are mainly interested. Act now!

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a service of Columbia House

COLUMBIA RECORD CLUB, Terre Haute, Indiana 47808

Please accept my membership. I've enclosed check or money order for $2.86 as payment for the 14 records indicated below. I agree to buy ten records (at regular Club prices) during the coming two years, and may cancel membership at any time thereafter. If I continue, I'll be eligible for your bonus plan.

Send these 14 records. I've enclosed check or money order for $2.86

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MY MAIN MUSICAL INTEREST IS (check one only):

☐ Easy Listening ☐ Young Sounds ☐ Jazz
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☐ Mr.
☐ Miss
☐ Mrs. (Please print) First Name Initial Last Name

Address

City

State Zip

Do you have a telephone? (check one) ☐ YES ☐ NO

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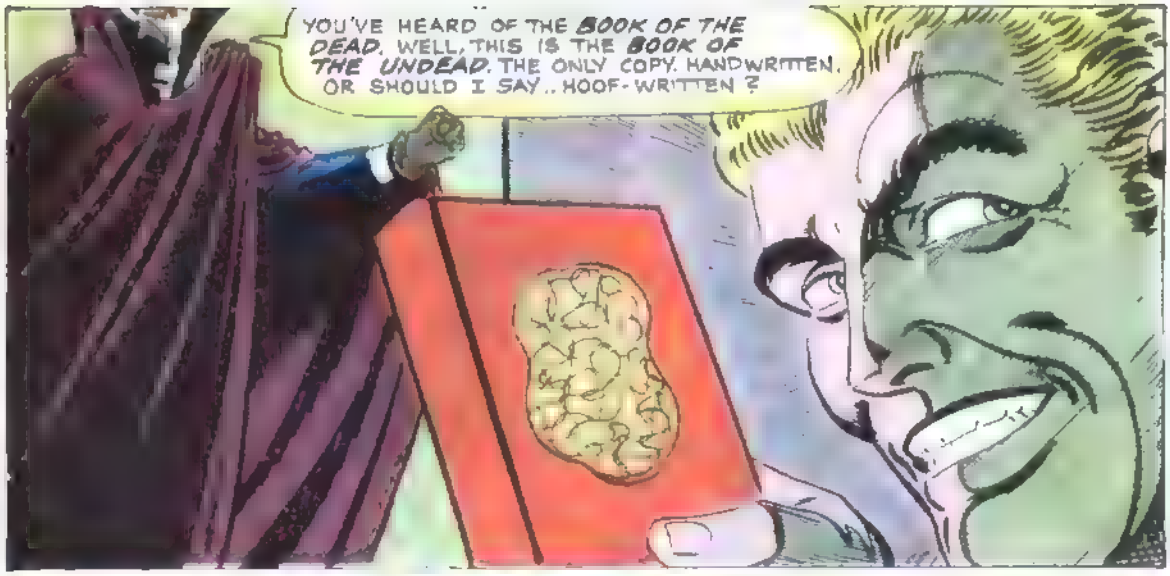
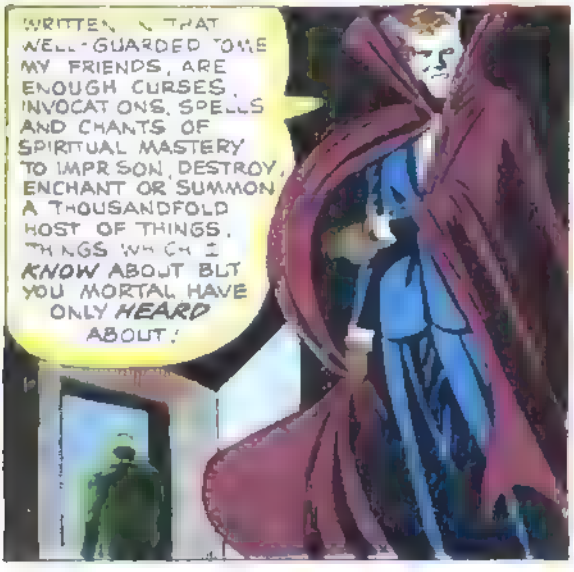
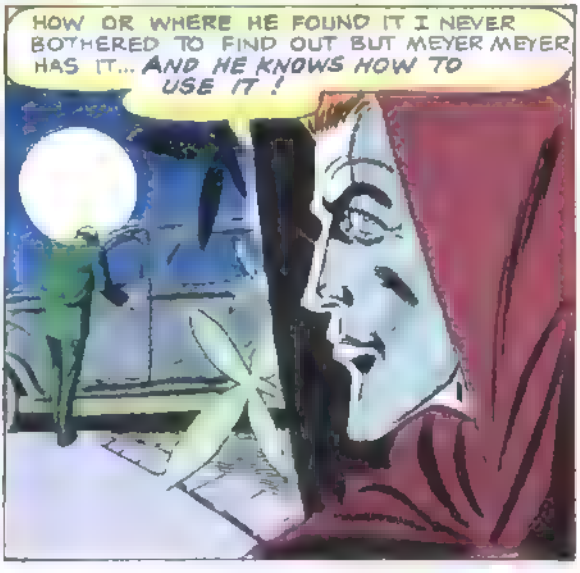
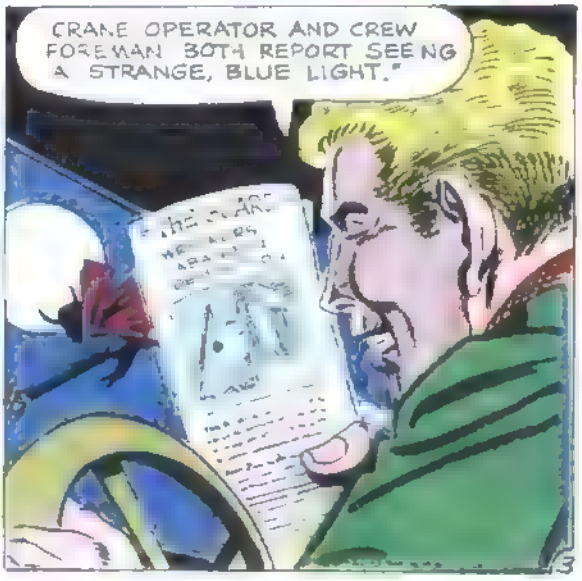
MEYER MEYER MAY NOT LOOK LIKE MUCH IF YOU GO FOR KARATE, JUDO OR OLD-FASHIONED FISTICUFFS BUT IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE DEAD, LOOK OUT FOR THAT BOOK!
YOU'D LIKE ME TO GIVE YOU THE BOOK, WOULDN'T YOU? HA HA HA! SURE, I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU. LISTEN!
HOW'S THIS?! IXYCAM KARPIT LYCANTER ALABAQUE
NO! STOP! STOP! WE CAN'T STAND IT!
PLEASE, STOP! WE WON'T ASK YOU ANY MORE! DON'T READ IT, PLEASE, DON'T READ IT.
HA HA HA VERY WELL. THEN ENOUGH OF YOUR SNIVELING! YOU'LL STAY HERE AS LONG AS I HAVE THIS BOOK. DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME?
YES, YES! WE UNDERSTAND PLEASE, NO MORE!
THAT'S BETTER YOU'LL SOON HAVE A NEW GUEST THINK ABOUT THAT FOR AWHILE AND FORGET ABOUT EVER BEING FREE AGAIN!
... HOW CAN A MORTAL KEEP A ROOMFUL OF GHOSTS AT BAY? WHY DON'T THEY SLIP THROUGH THESE WALLS LIKE ANY SELF-RESPECTING GHOST? FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK CAN'T YOU SEE? IT'S THAT INFERNAL BOOK!
ENOUGH FOR ONE DAY I HOPE THE NEW ONE IS MORE MATURE ABOUT BEING IN MY COLLECTION!


YOU'VE HEARD OF THE BOOK OF THE DEAD. WELL, THIS IS THE BOOK OF THE UNDEAD. THE ONLY COPY. HANDWRITTEN. OR SHOULD I SAY.. HOOF-WRITTEN ?


WRITTEN IN THAT WELL-GUARDED TOME MY FRIENDS, ARE ENOUGH CURSES, INVOCATIONS, SPELLS AND CHANTS OF SPIRITUAL MASTERY TO IMPRISON, DESTROY, ENCHANT OR SUMMON A THOUSANDFOLD HOST OF THINGS. THINGS WHICH I KNOW ABOUT BUT YOU MORTAL HAVE ONLY HEARD ABOUT!


HOW OR WHERE HE FOUND IT I NEVER BOTHERED TO FIND OUT BUT MEYER MEYER HAS IT... AND HE KNOWS HOW TO USE IT!

TONIGHT'S COLLECTING WILL BE EASY! EVERY THING I NEED TO KNOW IS IN THE EVENING PAPER.


CRANE OPERATOR AND CREW FOREMAN BOTH REPORT SEEING A STRANGE, BLUE LIGHT."

I REALLY LOVE TO WATCH THIS GUY WORK. HE'S A PRO!
HMM. VICTORIAN HOUSE. ABOUT 1885- OR '86. MAYBE AS LATE AS 88. ANYWAY, I'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH.
I ONLY HOPE THE FOCAL POINT* ISN'T ALREADY DEMOLISHED. THAT WILL MAKE IT HARDER. GETTING IN WILL BE NO PROBLEM FOR A CHANGE.
*THE PLACE MOST CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH A SPIRIT, E.G. THE ACTUAL SPOT OF DEATH.
IF THERE WERE MORE TIME I'D LIKE TO FIND THIS ONE WITHOUT THE BOOK BUT I'VE ONLY GOT TONIGHT. THE HOUSE MAY BE GONE BY TOMORROW.
LOGICI UKOBACH XAPHAN...FLAURES ABRAXAS!
AH READ LIKE A POET! WHAT HAS HE CAUGHT THIS NIGHT?
TWO OF YOU! OH THIS IS MORE THAN I HOPED YOUNG LOVERS IT WOULD APPEAR. HOW SAD. HAHAHA. SAD FOR YOU!
WH WHO ARE YOU? HOW IS IT YOU SEE... HEAR... CAN TALK TO US?

BE QUIET! I'LL ASK THE QUESTIONS. BUT I DOUBT IF THAT WILL BE NECESSARY. MY GUESS IS I'VE COME ACROSS ANOTHER PAIR OF TRAPPED LOVERS.
I THOUGHT SO! TRAPPED WERE YOU? BY A JEALOUS HUSBAND OR IRATE FATHER. SO IT GOES, SO IT GOES. SECRET ROOMS SUCH AS THIS ABOUND IN LOVER'S STORIES. UTTERLY COMMON!
AS I SAID, I LOVE TO SEE THIS GUY WORK. TALK ABOUT SLICK! HE'S FANTASTIC!
WH-WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US?
IT'S NO USE LAVENDER. HE HAS THE BOOK!
QUIT YOUR SHILLY-SHALLYING. GET IN! IT'S NEARLY DAWN! "BAEL!"
UNREQUITED LOVE! HOW TOUCHING. BUT THEN, ALL OF YOU ARE WHAT YOU ARE BECAUSE YOU DIED BEFORE YOU FINISHED SOMETHING!
BUT THEN WHAT IS A GHOST IF NOT THE RESTLESS SPIRIT OF ONE DEAD OR KILLED IN THEIR PRIME? IT IS THEIR UNFINISHED BUSINESS WHICH HOLDS THEM HERE!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS? AND I THOUGHT GHOSTS WERE GHOSTS SO THEY COULD SCARE PEOPLE! HEH HEH! WELL, WHATEVER IT SEEMS MEYER MEYER IS FAR FROM FINISHED
IT'S BEEN WEEKS SINCE ANY GOOD REPORTS HAVE COME IN DRAT! OF-THE-MILL SIGHTINGS.
THAT'S IT! ENOUGH RUN-OF-THE MILL! WHAT MY COLLECTION NEEDS IS SOMEONE FAMOUS!
YOU ARE ALL PEONS COMPARED TO WHAT I'LL BE BRINGING BACK SOON THE GHOST OF SOMEONE FAMOUS!
WHY DOES HE TORTURE US? PLEASE, LET US FREE.
. SOMEONE FAMOUS!
NO! YOU MUST FREE US! WE MUST FULFILL OUR DESTINIES!
ANTON! NO!
IT WOULD SEEM MORE THAN ONE SPELL IS NEEDED TO HOLD A HOT-HEADED YOUTH! HEH HEH HEH!
WHO SHALL IT BE? A PRESIDENT? A KING? A GENERAL?

A STROKE OF GENIUS! WHAT MORE FAMOUS GHOST THAN THAT OF THIS NATIONAL HERO, CUT DOWN ON THE VERGE OF SUCCESS BY DISASTER!
A FAMOUS PERSON FOR MY COLLECTION! THEN IT WILL BE COMPLETE! I WILL HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MY LIFE-LONG GOAL! TEKEL AL ROKQUE...
HE'S COMING! I'VE DONE IT! MY LAST MOST IMPORTANT ADDITION TO MY COLLECTION.. FAMOUS!
NO! FREE HIM! FREE US ALL!
HE'S COMING! WHO IS THE UNLUCKY SPIRIT? HE SAID IT WOULD BE SOMEONE FAMOUS!
NO! NOT ME! I'M THE COLLECTOR! I DON'T BELONG HERE!
NO POINT IN HANGING AROUND HERE, IT'S KIND OF DEAD! HEH HEH. TO BAD THAT YOUNG FELLOW THREW AWAY THE BOOK .. AFTER READING A PARAGRAPH OR TWO FOR OUR FRIEND HERE OF COURSE. HEH HEH HEH!
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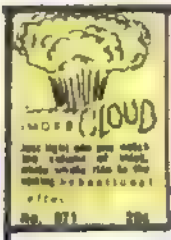

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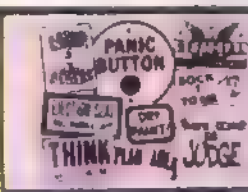

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Here's a list of 500 of the zaniest, funniest, coolest and cleverest sayings you've ever come across. Stick-ons such as "Soft [redacted] Panic Button," "Dry Paint" and 487 others, assure you of a riotous slogan at all times. Perfect for luggage, school books, letters, etc.

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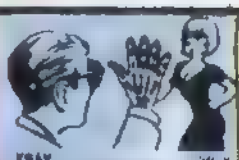

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AN HILARIOUS OPTICAL ILLUSION

ONLY

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70 Course Home Study Program on

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FREE NERVE CENTER CHART

Here's what you get:
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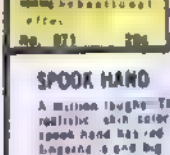

SPOOK HAND

A glorious laugher. This realistic skin colored spook hand has red fingernails and big long knuckles that are completely realistic looking. Imagine it coming out of your car and of a pot when you're at a door. Sticks anywhere with special adhesives included. Can be re-used over & over again. It's really weird.

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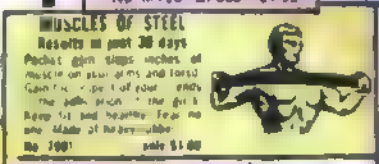

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Results in just 30 days

Pocket gym slaps inches of muscle on your arms and forearms. Gives you a pair of powerful "guns" that will make you the envy of the gang. Keep fit and healthy. Easy to use. Made of heavy rubber.

No. 7001 pair $1.00

MONEY CHANGER

Just like a perfect pro! Made by stranger. Attaches to any coin. Holds pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and half dollars.

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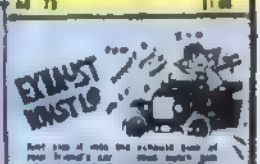

EXHAUST WHISTLE

Just step on gas and exhaust tone of your friend's car ... and again and again and again to watch the results. The hilarious and harmless way to make fun. Watch his face turn red. Watch the motorist behind to pass up or turn around to see you with laughter.

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Its power like that magnifier is great for watching sporting events, theater, night, girl watching and counter spying. Also contains a 20 power microscope that's so tiny but a real optical instrument.

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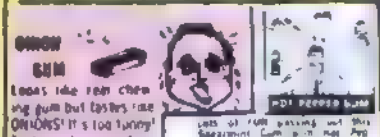

GUM SKIN

Looks like real chewing gum but tastes like ONIONS! It's too funny! 5 slices to a pack.

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Lots of FUN passing out this Spearmint Gum. Each pack has 5 slices of extra Regurgitation pack. Stick in candy wrapped package to keep it fresh.

6123 ... 29c

FANGS

These plastic teeth will not cover your own permanent set, nevertheless to say they'll completely change your appearance—for the worse. Your friends won't say a word, but they will not let you forget it. Your enemies will be overjoyed!

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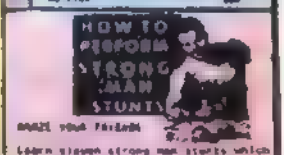

AMAZE YOUR FRIENDS

Learn classic strong man stunts which you can easily perform to astonish your audience. Book includes the most muscle building exercises ever! Easy step-by-step.

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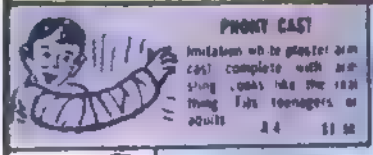

PHONY CAST

Imitation white plaster arm cast complete with arm sling. Looks like the real thing. Fits teenagers or adults.

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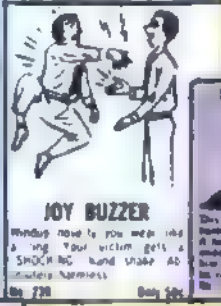


JOY BUZZER

Wouldn't have to you wear like a ring. Your victim gets a SHOCKING hand shake. All batteries furnished.

No. 720 ... Only 50c

SILENT DOG WHISTLE

Dog owners can't be heard by human ears, but Fluffy can hear it half a city away. Your dog will understand that this whistle's for him alone. No one else can hear it.

No. 703 ... $1.00

MONEYMAKER

Insert a dime piece of paper in each end. OUT COMES A REAL DOLLAR BILL! Insert the dollar and it changes to a $10 bill. The $5 changes to $10 bill.

No. 1134 ... $1.25

TRICK BASEBALL

It bounces, it bounces, it bounces, it stops. It's impossible to catch. It's sure to fool all the kids on the whole neighborhood after it.

No. 150 ... 60c

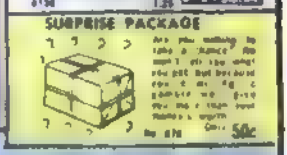
7 FOOT MONSTER

Bigger than life Frankenstein, the man made monster. Giant 7 foot tall. Has eyes glow, comes in authentic color and realistic proportions to scare all your wildest nightmares.

No. 900 ... $1.00

MONSTER SIZE SKELETON

No. 7000 ... $1.00



SURPRISE PACKAGE

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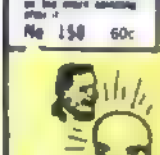

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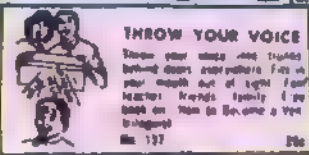

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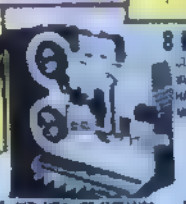

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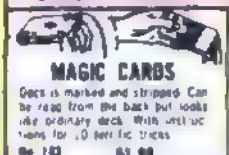

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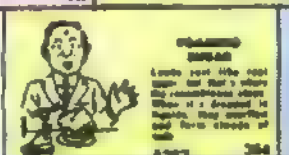

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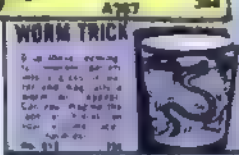

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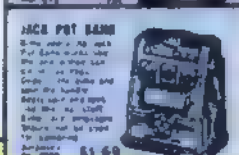

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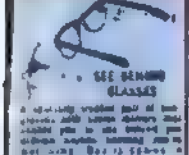

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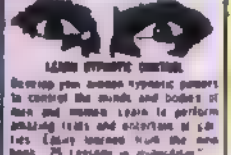

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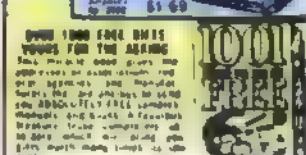

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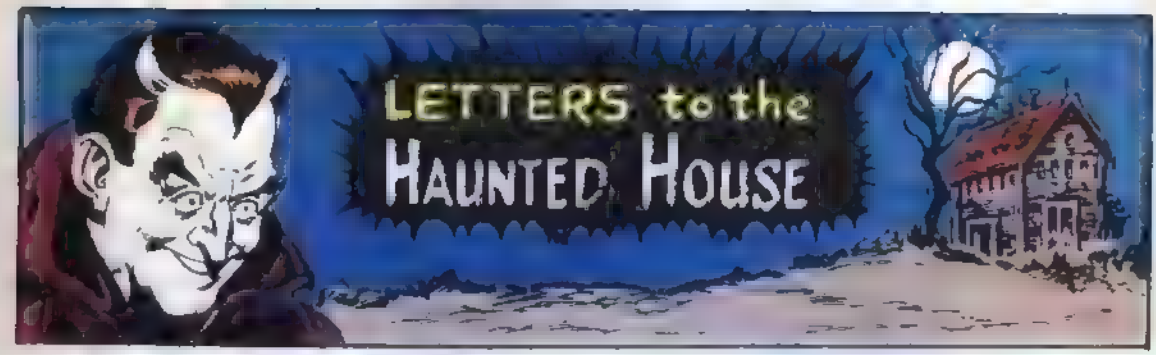

Dear Mr Dedd

My boy friend is a real creepy guy I don't mean he's a creep, I mean he believes in ghosts and he gets scared at the weirdest times When we date I'm eighteen and he's eighteen too he takes me home and parks in front of my house. The house next door to us is empty. It's only about eight years old but the people who bought it first sold it in about six months. The next two owners who moved in didn't even stay that long

We never knew why except that my mother said the families were pretty upset and they sold for less money than the house was worth It's for sale now for $23,000. Dad says they should be able to sell it for $28 000

Now, here's what Ken thinks. He says he saw someone inside the house at night when there were no lights in there. He said he could see them because they were sort of luminous

The reason why I'm writing to you is, Ken buys all your **Charlton** ghost comics and I saw the letter page in an old issue of **Ghostly Tales.** What do you think? Is it possible Ken saw something?

Sincerely worried
Gayle M
Saymore, Ind

Well, Gayle, anything is possible and in my line of work I see a lot of very unlikely things. There are two possibilities here, assuming that Kenneth really does think he saw something.

First, your boy friend heard the house next door being discussed. He figured out for himself that the families were selling out because the house was haunted.

You know what the other possibility is. The house MAY have something in there. I suggest you or Ken get permission from the owners to spend some time in the empty house after dark. You may learn the real truth. I hope you don't regret it.

Dear Editor **Ghostly Tales:**

I've got a bunch of friends who are really too much They go in for telling ghost stories at night in the dark and they all swear they believe in ghosts and all that

They started out doing it for kicks. I never believed all that jive but now I'm not so sure. My chick is all spooked and she won't park anywhere where it's dark any more. What shakes me up is they're getting on my nerves too

In a way, it's all your fault. They buy all your comic books and talk about ghosts all the time. Besides, its interfering in my love life, I'm starting to get jumpy at night. The other night, I was trying to fall asleep and I started imagining this shadow in the corner had **eyes!**

Do me a favor. Write in your **Letters** page that there really aren't any ghosts Maybe my stupid friends will believe you and we can all begin acting like normal human beings again

Disgusted
JKM
Memphis, Tenn

We'd like to oblige you, JKM, but we try not to make any generalities about ghosts one way or another. We realize that a lot of people, youngsters generally, IMAGINE that they see ghosts or have evidence of poltergeists etc. When we get reports obviously from readers in this group, we advise them to be realistic. But in your case, we can't be all that sure.

It's possible, you know, that the 'shadow' you mentioned in your room really DOES have eyes. It's possible that your chick is more perceptive than you are which is why she won't 'park' with you in dark places any more.

Dear Mr Dedd

I like most of the stories in **Ghostly Tales** but sometimes you get too humorous and I don't like that Ghosts aren't very funny. Just when I'm getting nice and scary when I'm reading your latest comic, you wise off or in the other **Charlton** Comics like **Ghostly Haunts** or **The Many Ghosts of Dr. Graves** Winnie the Witch or the gremlin get smart. I don't want to laugh when I read them, Mr Dedd, I want to believe the interesting stories you have in the book

From a serious fan,
Ernest Boggs
Sacramento, Cal

You certainly are serious, Ernie. You and I know that the supernatural is a very serious matter but for every letter we get from fans like you, we get letters from others who like a chuckle now and then. Sometimes, I want to lighten the mood a little. I mean I get nervous wandering around cemeteries and burial vaults and haunted houses. So, when I find myself getting all uptight I wisecrack a little and it makes me feel better.

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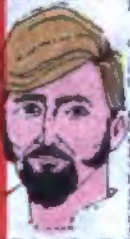

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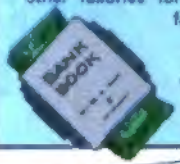

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